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MOSPRA Program Implementation Activities

October 2013 Update

MOSPRA Advisory Committee Meeting

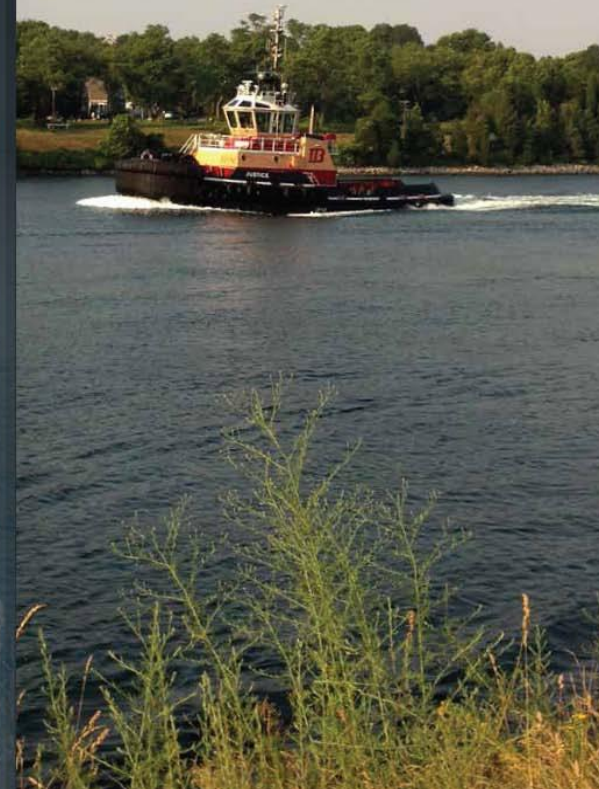
Program Activities Update

- Equipment procurement
- Geographic Response Plans (GRP)
- GRP Field Exercises
- Homeland Security Overtime Funding Grants




**Massachusetts
Oil Spill Prevention &
Response Act
M.G.L. Chapter 21M**

Program Activities & Accomplishments 2012





Equipment Procurement

- Initial phase of equipment procurement complete (trailers, conex box)
 - Evaluate for equipment gaps (skimming, wildlife rehabilitation)
 - Continue commitment to maintain and restock
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Spill Response Trailers

MASSACHUSETTS Communities with Commonwealth of Mass. OIL SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT

version: August 1, 2013



- 81 Trailers State-Wide
- 20', 12', and 16' trailers
- Aggregate capacity >80,000 ft boom
- Municipalities have discretion to use
- Resupply & maintenance program
- Mutual aid/cascade procedure

GRP Program 2007-2013

Goal:

Enhance local spill preparedness by pre-identifying tactics to protect high priority sites from marine oil spill impacts.



MASSACHUSETTS Geographic Response Plan



for OIL SPILL RESPONSE

August 2013



GRP Core Elements

- Standard tactics & terminology
- Responder-oriented
- Local protection priorities
- Flexible & modifiable
- Standard format
- Incorporated into State GIS database & State/Federal Area Plan

Containment and Recovery Tactics

Diversion Boom

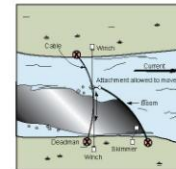


Figure DV-2. Diversion boom configuration using a trolley.

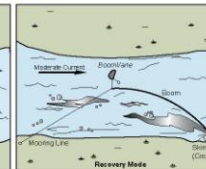


Figure DV-3. Diversion boom configuration using a BoomVane™.

boom. Controlling a diversion boom with a vessel takes considerable skill and a vessel suited for the purpose. Another type of boom control system is a trolley as shown in Figure DV-2.

Trolleys require that a line be strung from one shoreline to another, thus they are mostly used in rivers. Trolleys may block a river to passage by vessels and they are susceptible to impacts from debris.

A relatively new type of boom control device is built on the principle of a wing or rudder. Devices such as the Boom Vane™, allow the boom to be deployed and controlled from the shoreline (Figure DV-3). This decreases the need for vessels and anchor systems, while allowing superior control of the boom angle.

Tidal-seal Boom

A special type of boom, tidal-seal boom, is used on some boom arrays where the array contacts the shoreline to prevent oil from escaping. Tidal-seal boom typically contains three chambers as shown in Figure DV-4. Two of the chambers are filled with water, and contact the shoreline in shallow water

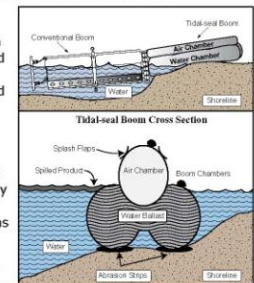


Figure DV-4. Tidal-seal boom configuration.

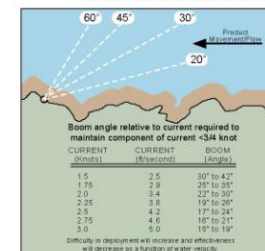


Figure DV-5. Boom angles for various current velocities.





MASSACHUSETTS Geographic Response Plan Tactics Guide



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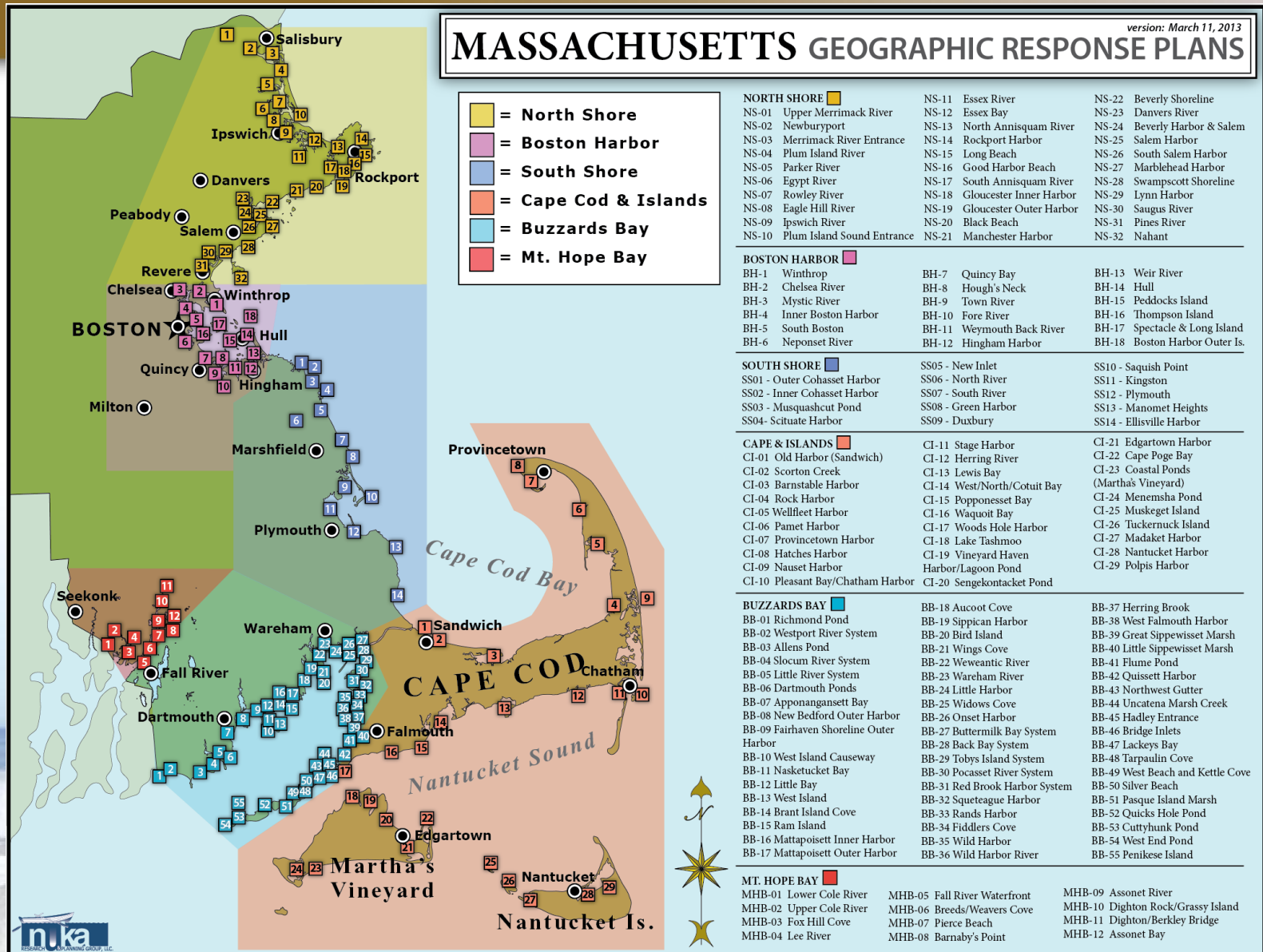
Tactics Guide

- Standard reference for GRP deployment methods.
- Standardized terminology.
- Defined resource sets.
- Facilitates GRP deployment.
- Training tool.

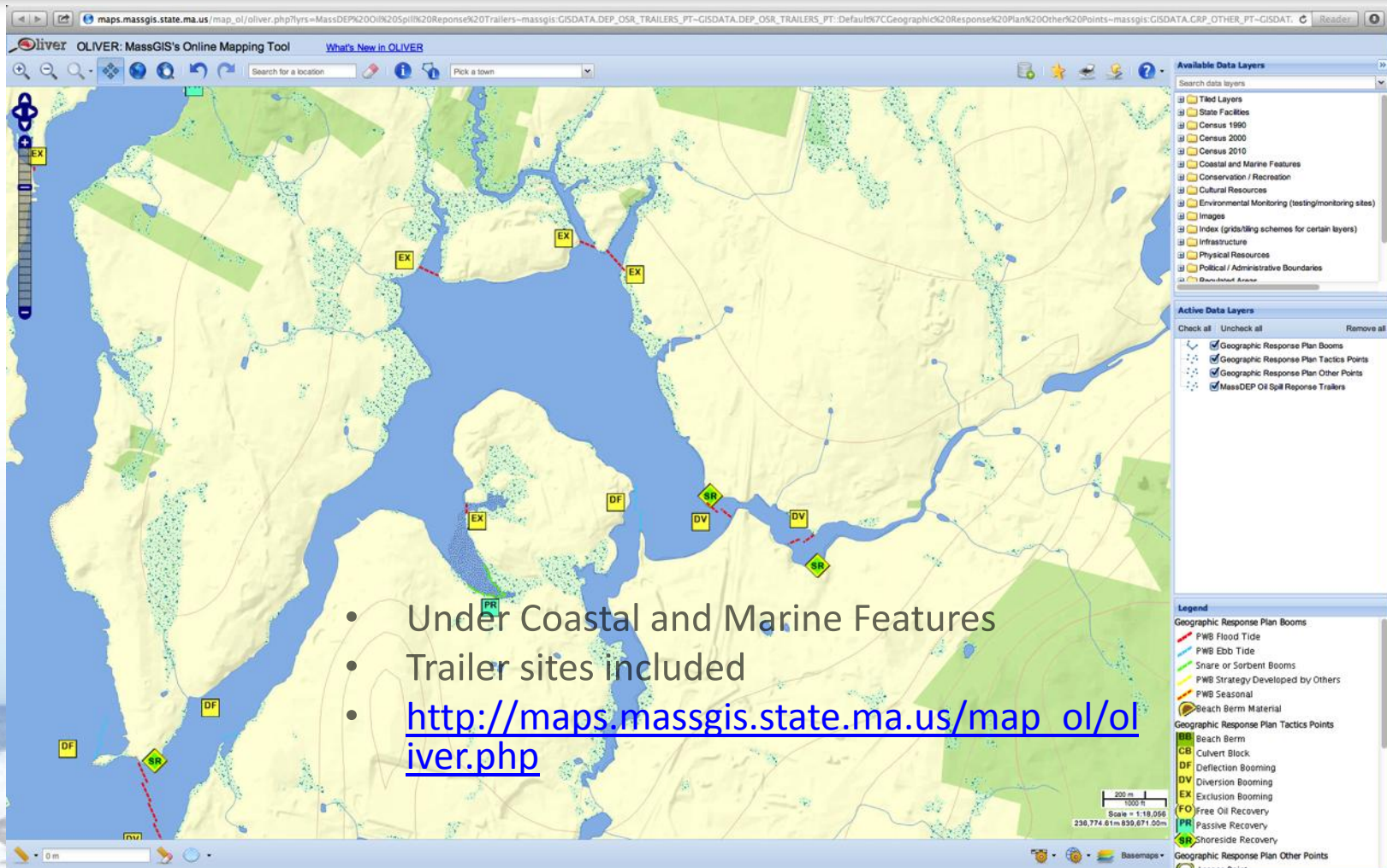
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GRPs on OLIVER: MassGIS's Online Mapping Tool



GRP Program Achievements



- Agency/industry/stakeholder work group process
- Consensus plans
- Local knowledge/field surveys
- Bridges equipment trailers & training/exercise program



GRP Exercises & First Responder Training

- Goal: Field verify GRP tactics while providing training to local first responders.
- Objectives:
 - Interagency planning & coordination
 - Resource coordination
 - Local spill preparedness



GRP Exercises & First Responder Training

- Program initiated 2009
- Field exercises and training in 51 of 70 coastal communities
- 20 of 160 GRPs tested (+2 in non-GRP sites)
- 690 participating personnel from 118 municipalities and agencies





Testing Sites through 2013

- Insert map KG is making



GRP Exercise Program Achievements



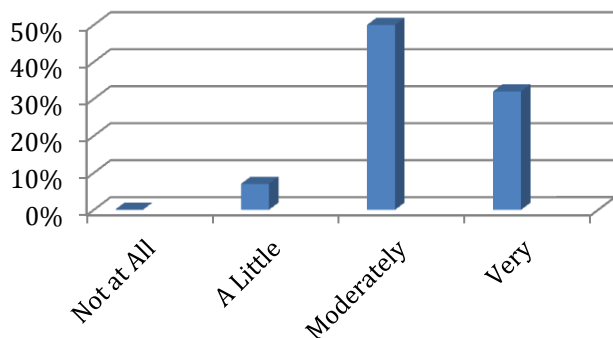
- Verification of GRP strategies
 - Feasibility of tactics
 - Field logistics
 - Rules of thumb for deployment
 - Links plans, resources, responders



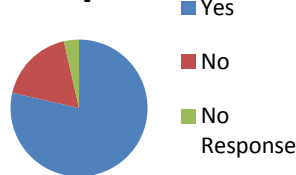
GRP Exercise Program

Achievements

Based on experience today, comfort level with setting a similar boom array in actual incident



Prior Spill Experience



- Building local response capacity
 - Training, preparedness, skill-building benefits
 - High visibility (local -> international)
 - Program metrics & participant feedback contributing to ongoing improvements and evolution



GRP Exercise Program Achievements

APPENDIX A: IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Capability	Observation Title	Recommendation	Corrective Action Description	Capability Element	Primary Responsible Agency	Agency POC	Start Date	Completion Date
Capability 2: Communications	1. Integration of DFS ISUs for cross-patch capability	2.1 Consider more routine involvement of DFS ISUs during future GRP exercises based on participating municipality needs and otherwise when appropriate.		Communication	MassDFS	DEP and DFS	SEPT 2013	SEPT 2014
Capability 3: WMD and Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination	1. Direct/Activate WMD and Hazardous material Response and Decontamination Tactical Operations	3.1 Continue to promote inter-departmental coordination and cross-pollination during future GRP exercises.	3.1.1 MassDEP's GRP exercise and first responder training program continues through 2015.	WMD and Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination	MassDEP	DEP	SEPT 2013	SEPT 2014
Capability 3: WMD and Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination	2. Vessel and shore-based strike teams work well together to deploy tactic/strategy	3.2 Existing DV-01b strategy was modified prior to exercise	3.2.2 MassDEP will change the DV01b booming strategy for North River (SS-06) and update the GRP document.	WMD and Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination	MassDEP	DEP	SEPT 2013	SEPT 2014



- Integration with regional homeland security exercise program (HSEEP)
 - Multi-jurisdictional coordination
 - Link between spills & emergency response (plans & equipment)
 - After action/improvement planning
 - Funding for backfill and overtime



Backfill & Overtime Reimbursement



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- Training budget cuts → participation barrier
- HSEEP grant funding for exercises
 - Disbursed through regional HS advisory councils
 - Exercises incorporate HSEEP objectives/elements
 - Familiar to local first responders
- Support to date
 - # towns/agencies
 - # responders
 - Total \$\$





Looking Forward...

- GRP Development complete
- Focus on Exercises/Training
 - Current 3-year program through 2015
- Customize/tailor exercises to meet community-specific needs and capabilities
- Expand to work with other partners (MassPort, etc.)

